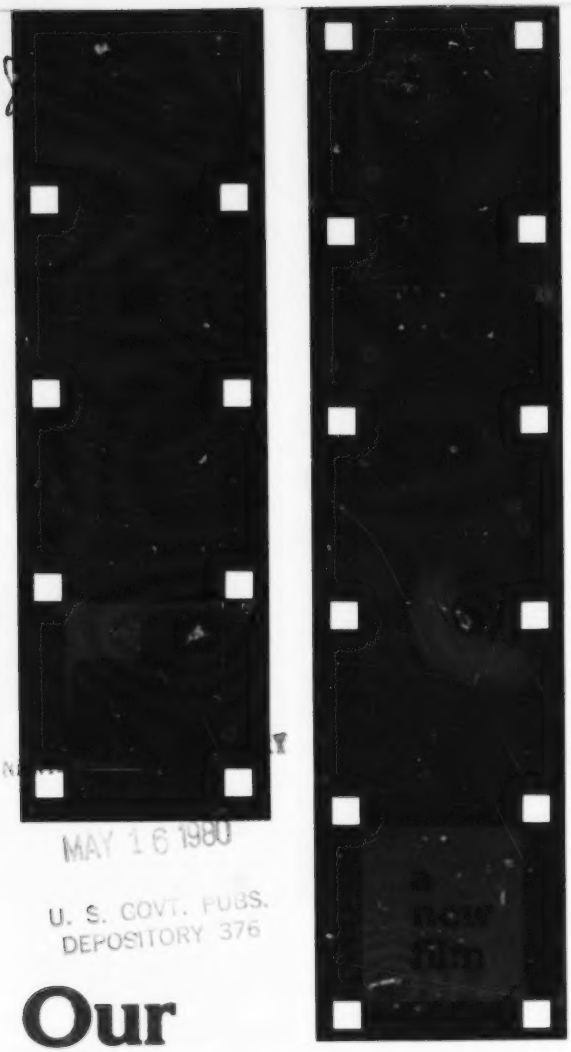

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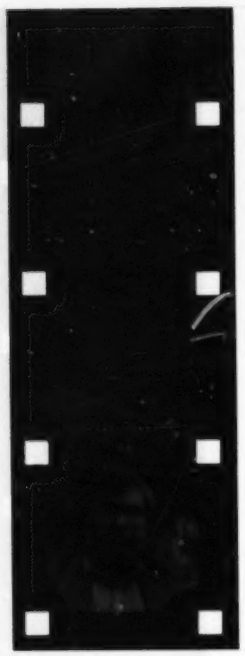
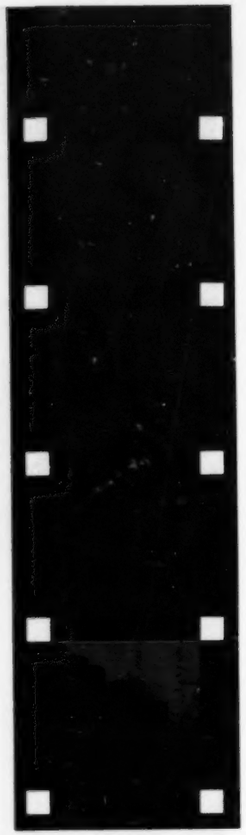


"Something has got to be done about this!"

"Of course I don't want it in my backyard!"

"This is our problem. We have to solve it even at some personal expense."



Our Hidden National Product . . . is Hazardous Waste — the toxic chemicals and other dangerous material generated by industrial processes used in making thousands of commonly used items — medicines, cars, TV sets, pesticides, fabrics, etc.

Our Hidden National Product reminds us of the disastrous effects hazardous wastes can have on our health and environment when they are disposed of without adequate care, as at Love Canal.

But mainly this film is about improving hazardous waste management. Facilities around the country are visited where various processes are used to recycle hazardous wastes, treat them to reduce or eliminate their dangerous properties, and dispose of them in landfills that are located, designed, and monitored to minimize risks.

Use of such methods should increase rapidly as Federal regulations requiring safe management become effective beginning in 1980. There is a major obstacle to rapid progress, however, in the lack of sites for treatment and disposal. Proposed sites are opposed strongly by local citizens. *Our Hidden National Product*, through interviews and coverage of a public hearing, reveals the very troubling conflict between public demand for action versus public opposition to needed sites.

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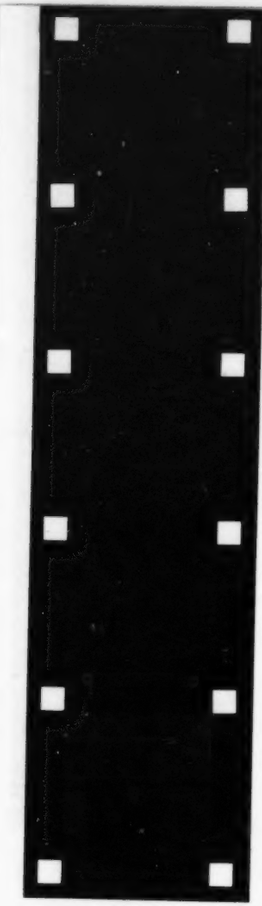

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